

Knife Angel Supplemental Information

Report of Councillor Richard Cox, Portfolio holder for community engagement

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Agenda Item:

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Key Decision? NO

Local Ward Members N/A



OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

1. Supplemental Information

- 1.1 Further to the main report the following information has been requested for review by the committee:
- 1.2 Updated violent crime statistics provided by the PFCC at **Appendix 1**
- 1.3 Copy of the certificate of recognition issued to Clive Knowles (as required by the 'Knife Angel Agreement of Conscience') at **Appendix 2**
- 1.4 Details of the recognition certificates to be issued as set out in section 61 to 65 of the 'Knife Angel Agreement of Conscience, which state:

Civic Launch & Civic Departure

61. Borrower must arrange suitable recognition for The British Ironwork Centre. This must be organised and issued by the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office, Police Constabulary, City Council, City Cathedral, your MP and Lord Lieutenants Office and is to be presented at the 'Civic Launch.' This is a compulsory requirement, these awards are to be included in a report being compiled for the Home Office. The wording on these certificates should recognize Clive Knowles organising the UK's largest independent anti-violence educational tour and educational programme against Violence and Aggression and its accompanying educational programme.

62. It is the Borrower's responsibility to ensure that the Owner is invited to the 'Civic Launch' and permitted to formally address the Civic gathering and media. This formal address will allow the Owner to accurately explain THE KNIFE ANGEL's purpose and how it is trying to bring about national change.

63. The 'Civic Launch' will provide the perfect platform for The British Ironwork Centre to offer recognition to key members involved in getting THE KNIFE ANGEL to the Borrower's location. These award certificates are designed to recognise their efforts in community safety, knife crime awareness and anti-violence. The British Ironwork Centre will need prior warning of the names of those individuals who have shown outstanding effort in order to successfully acknowledge their contribution. These awards are limited to a maximum number of six individuals. If you require any more, we can provide these for you at cost price (no profit).

64. Additionally, it is the Borrower's responsibility to ensure that all sponsors and notable community members are thanked and awarded for their efforts and support in getting THE KNIFE ANGEL to their location.

65. The Borrower must arrange suitable commendations for Clive Knowles-The British Ironwork Centre. This must be organised and issued by the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office, Chief Constable, the City and Town Council, Local MP, Lord Lieutenant, High Sheriff and an educational partner, i.e. College or University, to be presented at the 'Civic Launch.' This is a compulsory requirement. These awards are to be included in a report being compiled for the Home Office so this must be carried out as the awards

are evidential over the value and positive impact of the Angel's visit. The wording on these certificates should recognise the UK's largest independent anti-violence educational programme—the Knife Angel.

- 1.5 The Lichfield District Community Safety Partnership co-ordinated 30 days of educational workshops and engagement activity in the district. Alison Cope was commissioned to deliver specific sessions to local schools as part of this programme. 1200 students from schools in the district received these sessions and an evaluation report is set out at **Appendix 3** on the impact these sessions had.
- 1.6 Competitions were set up for local children to produce art and poetry around the event.
- 82 pieces of artwork were submitted and 1057 votes were cast for the artwork competition
 - 1,112 people took part in the Knife Crime Education quizzes on site
 - 11 young people were awarded certificates for artwork and 1 young person for poetry
- 1.7 Ongoing legacy issues from the Knife Angel include:
- Planting of the Lichfield Angel Roses on 21 and 22 November in Burntwood and Beacon Park.
 - The Knife Angel Commemorative Plaque has been provided and will be installed at a location in the City Centre to provide a lasting commitment to anti-violence and knife crime.
 - Ongoing work with the Training Initiative and The James Brindley Foundation including a pilot of youth engagement for anti-violence which will be launched in 2024.
 - Ongoing fundraising for bleed kits and training more members of the public and retailers – this year 101 people were trained on their use and 19 kits distributed.
 - Ongoing knife amnesty, with four bins remaining in situ indefinitely

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The committee review and comment on the content of the report.

Alternative Options	1 To not review the effectiveness of the Knife Angel visit. This will leave the Community Safety Partnership open to criticism regarding committing resources to the event.
Consultation	1. O&S members have fed in their queries regarding the hosting of the Knife Angel
Financial Implications	1. None from the review. Funding was provided via PFCC and using existing property service budgets (to provide transport, security, lighting, and power etc to site)
Approved by Section 151 Officer	Yes
Legal Implications	1. None from the review
Approved by Monitoring Officer	Yes
Contribution to the Delivery of the Strategic Plan	1. The Community Safety Partnership Annual Action Plan is a statutory requirement that reflects the District Council's Strategic Plan 2020 to 2024 and will be a key feature to support delivery of Lichfield 2050.

Equality, Diversity and Human Rights Implications	1. None, review of the Knife Angel event will not impact individual rights but should raise awareness of the impact and consequences of violent crime.
EIA logged by Equalities Officer	Yes Equalities Officer confirmed not required.
Crime & Safety Issues	1. The campaign was developed to positively impact on our duty to prevent crime and disorder within the district (Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act, 1988).
Data assessment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Data sets for Knife Crime and ONS have been provided for member review in relevant web links below. 2. SPI data shows that Stowe has the highest incident of crime within the district with 140 incidents per 1000 population against a district average of 50. Social Progress Index Lichfield Tableau Public it does not specify violent or knife crime in the data sets. 3. It will be some years before the impact of the Knife Crime and Anti-Violence campaign can be evidenced from data due to the targeting at such young audiences.
Environmental Impact (including Climate Change and Biodiversity).	1. Frog Lane was chosen due to the accessibility by other modes of transports from across the district and wider afield.
GDPR / Privacy Impact Assessment	1. None

	Risk Description & Risk Owner	Original Score (RYG)	How We Manage It	Current Score (RYG)
A	The Knife Angel event provides no long-term benefit to the district	Yellow (material) or Green (tolerable) as determined by the Likelihood and Impact Assessment.	Base line data from before the visit and assess these measures in future data tracking.	Green (tolerable) as determined by the Likelihood and Impact Assessment.
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		Background documents Community safety partnership – Our delivery plan (lichfielddc.gov.uk)		

Relevant web links

[official 'Knife Angel on Tour' page.](#)

[Knife crime statistics - House of Commons Library \(parliament.uk\)](#)

[Crime in England and Wales: Police Force Area data tables - Office for National Statistics \(ons.gov.uk\)](#)

[Alison Cope | Anti-Violence Campaigner](#)

[Activities - SCVYS Staffordshire Council of Voluntary Youth Services \(staffscvys.org.uk\)](#)

[Mark and Beverley Brindley – The James Brindley Foundation](#)

[Home Page - Natalie Q Inspire](#)